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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the office action mailed May 9, 2005. Reconsideration of the final rejection of claims 8-13 and 15 is respectfully requested in view of the proposed amendments and the comments that follow. This response is timely in view of a petition to enlarge the shortened statutory period for response that accompanies this paper, including the requisite fee.

AMENDMENTS

Amendment to Specification

The specification is amended as shown on the following pages under the heading
AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION.

Amendments to Drawings

The drawings are amended as described below under the heading AMENDMENTS TO DRAWINGS. A replacement sheet containing the revision to the sheet of drawings containing figure 8 is submitted herewith.

Amendments to Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer. The status of all claims presently in the application is indicated in the listing of claims including all proposed and prior amendments. The claim list supercedes all prior claim listings.